

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in this application. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,350,410 (Kleks).

Independent claims 17 and 18 have been amended to recite a processor programmed to instead of operative to, thereby lending patentable weight to the functions associated with the processor. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submits that Kleks fails to disclose the combinations of elements and features recited in independent claims 17 and 18. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the §102 rejections of claims 17 and 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of Applicant's claims 1-18 is believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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